

State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



Open Session Minutes
May 10, 2019
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Board Members:

Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member, Chair (Absent)
Wrenn Skidmore	Professional Member, Vice Chair (Absent)
Karen Richards	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Denise Capaci	Professional Member
Donald J. List	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member
Letha Moszer	Professional Member
Jamie Wilson	Professional Member
Sondra G. Petty	Professional Member
Susan P. Coppage	Professional Member

Board Staff:	Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director
	Rhonda Edwards	OAG, Board Counsel
	Gail Wowk	Director, Planning and Continuing Education
	Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director, Compliance and Investigations
	Gloria Jean Hammel	Director of Certification and Licensing (Absent)
	Tyrone Willoughby Jr.	Social Work Supervisor
	Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Aide
	Earnest A. Ford Sr.	Health Occupation Investigator
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist

Guest:

Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
Gilbert Bliss	Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work
Kim Lang	MDH Director of Health Occupations Boards and Commissions

CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:35 A.M. by Karen Richards, (Acting) Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from April 12, 2019 were approved – 8 votes unanimously (with noted changes)

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Announcement: None

BOARD CHAIR (Acting)

Karen Richards

- Karen Richards acknowledge the absence of Board chair Sherryl Silberman and Vice chair Wrenn Skidmore. The Board meeting was turned over to Stanley Weinstein.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Stanley Weinstein

- Stanley Weinstein shared with the Board a brief history on the Teletherapy regulations initiated by Delegate Resnick. In order to practice Teletherapy it is required that one must be licensed by a Health Occupation Board in the State of Maryland. Dr. Weinstein further shared one of the stipulations to passing this bill required all Boards to devise similar regulations on Teletherapy.
- Stanley Weinstein presented to the Board a draft copy of The Statute and Regulations Committee's draft Teletherapy regulations which included one must be a licensed LCSW-C or a LMSW who is supervised in order to practice this Teletherapy. After further discussion the Board voted unanimously to approve the draft.
- Stanley Weinstein explained how the 2020 Departmental Legislation has a new process in how to propose a new bill. This process include, first submitting a "Pre-Purposed Concept Paper" prior to submitting a bill for approval in the next session. Due to the new request made by the Department, Stanley Weinstein suggested the Board consider sending a pre-purposed concept paper related to mobility of social work practitioners coming from other states. A discussion was held on the number of hours, of supervision other state licensees are required to obtain for their license. Currently some states require different numbers of hours for licensure. He further suggested the board might want to consider other areas for change such as a jurisprudence exam as well as the rehabilitation committee for license social workers. The Pre-Purposed Concept Paper is due by May 24th. The Board voted unanimously to approve the submission on mobility.
- The 3rd Quarter Budget Projection was shared by Stanley Weinstein who stated the Board is doing well. The Board's revenue is 33% above what our expenses are.
- Stanley Weinstein informed the Board Governor Larry Hogan has appointed a new consumer Board member, Barbara Gassaway who is from Harford County and is President and CEO of the Research Group and Observation Baltimore. Her term is to begin June 1, 2019. An orientation meeting is currently being arranged.
- An update was given to the Board on the status of the Proposed Regulations by Dr. Weinstein. Lillian Reese, Legislation and Regulation Specialist, Rhonda Edwards, Board Counsel and Dr.

Weinstein will be attending a meeting on May 15th with the Secretary on the latest set of regulations. Dr. Weinstein shared the previous changes will be published in the Maryland Registry. Lillian Reese informed the Board they were printed today and will be in effect on May 20th, 2019.

- Karen Richards acting Chair, announced to the Board, Governor Larry Hogan approved Board member Sondra Petty an additional 4 year term effective July 1, 2019.
- Gail Wowk informed the Board, the Spring Newsletter will be sent to Board members for review prior to sending it to the social work community.

Statue and Regulations Committee

Jamie Wilson

Jamie Wilson informed Board members the committee will be meeting on Monday, May 17th, 2019 to review regulations. The committee is currently reviewing advance licensure documentation to ensure the documents are in compliance with the proposed regulations

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards informed the Board, the Committee met on April 24th to work on the work flow documents of the ASWB audit process and how it works to assist in orientating new committee members on the audit process. The Committee held a discussion on how to address a Board approved Sponsor who has a disciplinary sanction from the Board.

Daphane McClellan, Executive Director, of NASW-MD asked that social workers check to see if the Sponsor and the CEU is Board approved prior to taking the training. This would avoid problems which could result in a failed audit due to non- approved CEU training.

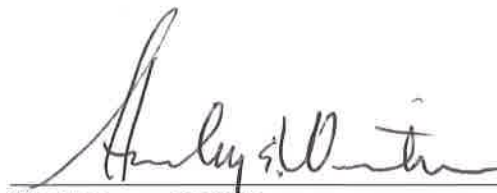
ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

The Open Session adjourned at 11:29 A.M.



Karen Richards, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer

7-12-19
Date



Stanley E. Weinstein, Ph.D., LCSW-C
Executive Director

7/12/19
Date